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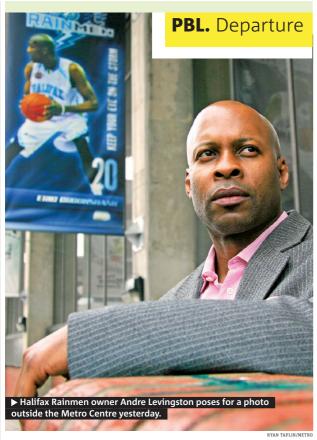
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News worth sharing.





Where now for Rainmen?

Andrew Levingston is looking for a new league for his team after deciding late Monday to leave the Premier Basketball League after three seasons. Story, page 20.

No tax rate hike in draft budget

◆ HRM budget \$758 million in 2011-2012 ◆ Debt will be reduced by \$5 million as per HRM policy ◆ Operational spending up 4.3 per cent and capital spending down 7.6 per cent



Cracking down on overtime and discretional spending pushed the 2011-12 HRM budget into the black with no tax rate increases.

Three weeks ago, council approved hiking the tax rate by 0.8 per cent if necessary to pay \$3.25 million for the oval on the Halifax Common.

But CAO Richard Butts said they found over \$3 million in efficiencies to pay for the oval in 2011-12 without any increases to the tax rate.

Council gave him a round of applause at this news yesterday.

Staff overtime was reduced by 20 per cent in the proposed budget, except for police and fire services, which were reduced overtime by 10 per cent. Butts said they found more savings by bringing down budgets for dis-



"I can tell you we were successful of maintaining a flat tax rate."

CAO RICHARD BUTTS
TO REGIONAL COUNCIL YESTERDAY

cretionary spending to what was actually spent.

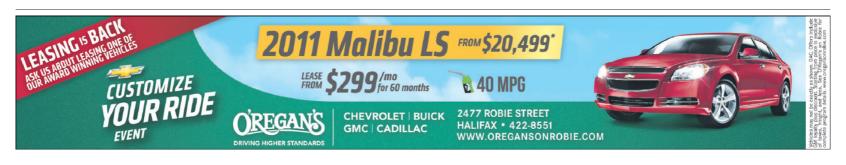
But residents will see a bump on the tax bill this year because house assessments are up. For an average assessed home worth \$191,100, it means an extra \$63. That's an increase of nearly five per cent.

Residential and commercial tax revenue is increasing due to growth, but there are small decreases in other revenues like transit, which down 5.1 per cent. Transfers from other levels of government are down 2.6 per cent

There's money for the Dartmouth Transit Terminal, the Youth Advocacy Program and over \$1.7 million in honorariums to volunteer firefighters, Butts told reporters after the draft budget document was tabled at a council meeting yesterday.

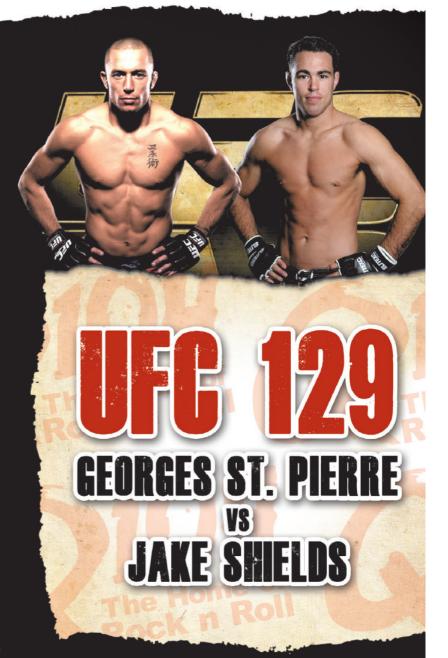
"Transit enhancements are part of the budget — we're adding 30 staff, additional routes and hours," he said.

Council will begin debating this draft of the budget on May 9.



JUST BY LISTENING TO





Council OK's Washmill overrun

There's no going back on the Washmill underpass, according to the majority of HRM councillors.

Yesterday they voted to spend \$4.5 million more to finish the Washmill Lake Court underpass at Bayers Lake Business Park.

Staff told council if they didn't go through with the project it would jeopardize the sale of land in Bayers Lake to a developer, and risk losing federal funding.

"I understand there are cost overruns but I don't think we can bail out of this project at this point in time," said Coun. Barry Dalrymple.

"We're past the point of no return."

But the extra \$5.5 mil-

lion HRM is paying for the project due to unexpected rock removal and other extra work is still not acceptable to a few councillors.

"This will go down as the biggest boondoggle in HRM history," said Coun. Gloria McCluskey.

Coun. Jackie Barkhouse said this project is a fiasco and she wouldn't show sup-

Spending vote

The vote passed 18-3 to authorize \$4.5 million for the last two phases of construction.

port for it.

"Taxpayers shouldn't be — in any way, shape or form — on the hook for this," she said.

Other councillors said the municipality was rushed into the project in order to take advantage of federal funding.

Coun. Tim Outhit called it a "terrible situation that was put upon us through no fault of our own."

IENNIFER TAPLIN

MLAs charged in scandal go to court

Or Today is first in what is expected to be several upcoming court dates



The next stage in the MLA expense scandal will unfold in Halifax provincial court.

But it's unclear if any of the four past and present politicians charged will be present for their arraignment

Trevor Zinck, Richard Hurlburt, Dave Wilson and Russell MacKinnon are scheduled to appear in court today to have their charges formally read to them.

But the accused can opt to send their lawyers for the expected brief affair.

Zinck, the only sitting MLA charged in the RCMP probe into the scandal, indicated yesterday he will not

Facing charges

- Trevor Zinck: fraud over \$5,000, two counts theft over \$5,000, breach public trust.
- Richard Hurlburt: fraud over \$5,000, three counts uttering forged document; breaching public trust.
- Dave Wilson: fraud over \$5,000, 31 counts uttering forged document; breaching public trust.
- Russell MacKinnon: fraud over \$5,000, three counts uttering forged document; breaching public trust.

be present for the proceedings.

He remained steadfast yesterday in his belief he will be cleared of the charges.



Request for report on flurry of handbills doesn't fly

One flyer too many landed on Coun. Gloria Mc-Cluskey's roof.

The Dartmouth councillor introduced a motion at regional council yesterday asking for a report from Solid Waste Resources on how to eliminate the delivery of flyers to residences.



"I get many phone calls on this," she said. But this issue has appeared before council several times, said Coun. Linda Mosher, with the end result the same: it's the province's jurisdiction.

"Why would we ask for another report we already have?" Mosher said.

JENNIFER TAPLIN

News in brief

Feds to probe recent election

waycobah. The federal government will probe the procedures and protocol of Waycobah's recent election after several complaints were made by an unsuccessful candidate.

Rod Googoo, who

sought to become chief of the First Nation community, launched an appeal to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs following October's election.

According to Googoo, Waycobah's electoral officer failed to mail ballots to off-reserve voters and also didn't inspect the ballot boxes to ensure they were empty prior to the acceptance of ballots.

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N.S. 'on track' for energy goals

Belliveau touts Nova Scotia Power reductions for emissions • Reduction only relates to electricity industry, not province as a whole, say Liberals



Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau revealed yesterday Nova Scotia Power cut greenhouse gas emissions by nine per cent in 2010 over the base year of

Speaking at a press conference at the Nova Scotia Community College's Waterfront Campus, Belliveau said the news meant the province is on track to meet its renewable energy goals.

"I'm confident that when the federal numbers

on greenhouse gas reductions come out later this spring, they will clearly show that Nova Scotia is on track to meeting our goals," said Belliveau.

Recent legislation tabled by the government would make the target — 40 per cent renewable energy by 2020 — law.

NSP is also being asked to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 25 per cent by

A large part of this target is tied to the development at Lower Churchill Falls, and a \$6.8-million deal between NSP and Newfound-

Liberals react

"The government neglects to point out that the greenhouse gas emissions for the province as a whole continue to rise as these targets apply to power generation only and not to the province as a whole," said Liberal energy critic Andrew Younger.

land's energy utility Nalcor.

But Bellieveau said other measures will contribute to the goals, even if the hydroelectric project is not online

Students get a chance to grill local politicians

This wasn't just a morning with a free class for Hannah Walsh.

The Grade 12 student at C.P. Allen was listening intently as the candidates in her riding of Halifax West debated local and national issues at her high school yesterday morning.

Walsh, one of the debate MCs, joined about 200 students inside the school's gymnasium for the debate and received a first-hand introduction to the four people looking to win the federal seat.

"It's really important for them to come out because a lot of us are voters now," the 18-year-old first-time voter said after the hourlong debate. "It's important for them to realize we also matter. That the young people are engaged.

Incumbent Geoff Regan of the Liberals, Conservative Bruce Pretty, Gregor Ash of the NDP and Thomas Trappenberg of the Greens all spoke about their party platforms and ideas before fielding questions from students.

"It was very helpful to get a personable insight with the people them-selves," said Walsh. "As students we care a lot about education and the money parties are going to spend towards it.'

However, not all students got what they came

Debate topics

Topics in the debate included proportional representation. post-secondary education incentives, the environment and an iPod tax, which seemed to strike a chord with students.

"I was really excited the candidates were able to speak with us, but I feel a number of questions were avoided," said Emily Neil.

"I understand that's how things work, but I wasn't necessarily pleased."

ANDREW CALEY

EAC wants drivers to slow down

The Ecology Action Centre is calling on the Nova Scotia government to reduce speeds for drivers in school zones and child play areas.

The group is proposing reducing speeds at 50 km/h in these areas down to 30

"If this is what the research is saying, that reducing speeds will save lives and protect some of the most vulnerable members of society — our children — why wouldn't we do this?" Janet Barlow of EAC said in a release.

Changes won't mean growing due to election layoffs: **MacDonell**

The Nova Scotia government wants to be able to relocate land registration offices to areas where they're most needed.

Šervice Nova Scotia Minister John MacDonell introduced amendments vesterday that would give the government more flexibility in where it sets up land registration and registry of deeds offices.

MacDonell says it won't mean office closures or layoffs.

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N.L. debt **budget**

Newfoundland and Labrador is awash in cash from oil and mining profits but a big-spending election budget will increase net debt as future deficits are forecast. The budget tabled yesterday by the Tory government projects a \$59 million surplus for this fiscal year.

Despite the surplus, the \$7.3-billion budget adds almost \$460 million to net debt, bringing total debt to about \$8.7 billion.

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Danger days in HRM

○ Stabbings, shootings mark two violent weeks **○** Is it the weather?

Five stabbings in 24 hours. The previous week, five shootings in seven days.

Police officials say it's too early to have a true explanation for the recent spike of violent crime in HRM

Halifax RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae said police don't believe the recent outbreak is random, but connected to "certain people and the choices they make." "It's very hard to see any trend-setting," he said.

But MacRae did point to the weather, saying it could play a role.

"With warmer weather ... that usually means there's more daylight hours, more people out, sometime more alcohol consumption and that all plays a part into maybe little spikes," he said.

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Five stabbings

MONDAY:

- ▶ 10:30 a.m. Male, 17, allegedly stabs classmate with scissors at Halifax West High School.
- ▶ 1:30 p,m Man, 40, allegedly stabs hand of another man during fight on Barrington Street.
- **2:50 p.m.** RCMP find

male, 17, with apparent stab wound at St. Margaret's Bay Road convenience store.

4:45 p.m. — RCMP say male, 14, stabbed near Forest Hill Parkway in Cole Harbour.

TUESDAY:

▶ 2 a.m — Man, 22, stabbed outside home on Cole Drive in Cole Harbour.

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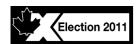


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Dial M for misbehaving

Liberal candidate says pranksters calling constituents
 Doesn't believe Greens or NDP are behind phone calls





A former MP battling to regain his seat in a hotly contested Winnipeg riding says unknown imposters are calling voters on behalf of the party and being rude in order to turn them off voting Liberal in the upcoming federal election.

Liberal Candidate Ray Simard said yesterday he was out door-knocking in the St. Boniface riding Monday afternoon and

Campaign sabotage

It's not just attack ads that are getting nastier as election day nears — so are the shenanigans.

- A Liberal campaign worker in Brampton, Ont., is charged with pilfering Conservative signs.
- Candidates in Manitoba and Ontario complain voters are receiving harassing late-night phone calls from imposters.
- ► Liberal candidate in Ontario loses \$2,000 worth of signs after bull's-eyes are painted over his head.

was told by constituents they had been contacted by someone representing the Liberals and were treated poorly.

Simard said similar calls have been happening to Liberal candidates in at least eight other Canadian ridings.

He suggested the calls may be orchestrated by the Conservatives, but admitted he had no proof.

"It's part of the way these guys do business," he told Metro.

A spokesperson for Conservative MP in the riding Shelly Glover called Simard's comments "unfortunate," and denied Glover's camp had any involvement.



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U.K. to aid Libyan rebels with intel, not weapons

• French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe says he is 'totally hostile' to deploying ground troops

Britain said yestserday it would send about a dozen senior soldiers to Libya to help organize the country's haphazard rebel forces, as international allies seek to aid the opposition's attempts to break the military stalemate.

Foreign Secretary William Hague said the U.K. military advisers would join British diplomats already co-operating with rebelleaders in the eastern rebelheld city of Benghazi, but insisted they would not help arm the opposition or

assist in military operations against strongman Moammar Gadhafi's forces.

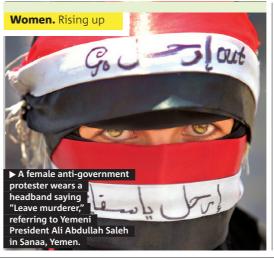
About a dozen U.K. military personnel, including officers with logistical and intelligence expertise, will work with the National Transitional Council, the political wing of the rebel movement — which has been officially recognized by Italy, France and Qatar.

Britain has said it would not become involved in directly supplying weapons to Libya's rebels, but has sent non-lethal assistance such as 1,000 sets of body armour and 100 satellite phones.

In Rome, Italy's foreign minister Franco Frattini said allies would also consider supplying rebels with technical equipment like radars or telecom blocking systems.

Italy, however, remains opposed to sending ground troops, Frattini said, following talks with the leader of the Libyan rebels' transitional government, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil.

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Yemeni protests increase

Yemeni security forces opened fire on anti-government protesters yesterday, killing at least three amid rising international concern over the strategically located nation. Human rights groups say 120 have died during the protests.

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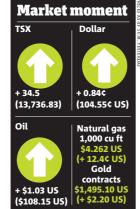
Inflation spike, interest hike?

◆ Almost everything cost more last month ◆ If it's a trend, not a fluke, look for interest rates to follow suit

Canada's annual inflation rate, which had been bucking global trends, leaped to 3.3 per cent, with both the yearly reading and last month's measure rising by 1.1 points.

It was the biggest singlemonth jump in inflation since the eve of the 2008 recession, and was well above the consensus call for a 0.6 per cent gain.

The Bank of Canada's mandate is to keep inflation within a range of one to three per cent and as close as possible to two per cent. Last month's spike sharply increases prospects that consumers will see higher interest rates in the near future.



The price of commodities, especially oil, was a big part of the inflation surge, but almost everything was

costlier compared to February and last year.

Statistics Canada said all eight of the major components it tracks were up, including food, which was 3.3 per cent higher than last year.

The only good news for the central bank is that core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as gasoline, remained well anchored at 1.7 per cent.

The bank gets one more look at inflation before it has to decide about interest rates on May 31. A lot will depend on whether prices, particularly the core that points to future inflation, breaches the two per cent target. THE CANADIAN PRESS



No campouts for PlayBook launch

Yesterday's low-key launch of Research In Motion's PlayBook tablet was in stark contrast to the crowds of tech-hungry geeks queuing up overnight for rival Apple's iPad 2 last month.

But the lack of hoopla did not stop Ian Chan from lining up at 6 a.m. outside a Best Buy store in Toronto for the 7 a.m. launch. Chan was excited about the Play-Book because it is smaller than the iPad, which makes it easier to travel with.

At the flagship Sears Canada store in downtown Toronto, electronics manager James Tetreault said the store presold more than 150 units yesterday, which he considered successful for a new technology product.

Besides, experts caution that comparing the two de-

that comparing the two devices is like comparing apples to blackberries: The iPad is beloved by consumers, while the PlayBook is aimed at businesses.

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To the people reading this column who believe any or all of the above, I have a bridge you might want to buy. It spans some unbelievably cheap land in Florida that is also for sale.

To Donald Trump, who is playing the "Obama is not an American" card to launch his U.S. presidential bid, I say shame on you. I didn't think you could sink much lower than Celebrity Apprentice, but apparently you're

just getting warmed up.

So what if every credible news organization has verified that Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Aug. 4, 1961. The "birther" conspiracy theorists, a group entirely composed of rednecks from south of the Mason-Dixon Line (and opportunistic Republicans like the Donald) refuse to believe it.

They believe Obama was born in Kenya. Or held dual citizenship — British/Indonesian/Kenyan — whatever.

This even though Obama has produced a birth certificate from a Honolulu hospital, legal in every aspect, documenting his birth. Pshaw, say the birthers. If he was really born in Hawaii, he would be able to produce the long form — by implication, the real thing that can't be forged. But there was no long form in Hawaii. Obama's certificate is the only form, and it goes with a long string of other evidence: For example, birth notices in the local papers from the Hawaii Department of Health.

None of this cuts the mustard with the Donald, who has decided Obama needs to be fired.

And while mainstream Republicans are slowly backing away from Trump and his ridiculous allegations, the latest poll has him No. 2 among Republican hopefuls, below Mitt Romney, but above Mike Huckabee and Sarah Palin.

And he's on a roll, endorsed by Celebrity Apprentice contestant Gary Busey, who obviously doesn't care the boss is pandering to a blatant lie perpetrated by a bunch of racists who will do anything to get that black guy out of the Oval Office.

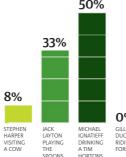
Ignorance is alive and well and living on cable. And it has a really bad comb-over.

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Who has made use of the best campaign prop in the election so far?



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Local tweets



@Alayne-Martell: With all the shootinas lately.

Halifax is turning into a real gangsta town. Let's just simmer down, folks. Spring fever will pass. I hope.

- @R4ndomHero: Today's Halifax forecast, Rain with a chance of stabbing. The stab-a-thon seems to be in full effect. Hide ya kids, hide ya wife.
- @smizzhfx: come on halifax ... is 2 nice days in a row too much to ask for? I need to golf
- ► @KellyReganNS: Just moved a motion congratulating Pryor House Hospice in #Bedford and the Hospice Society of Greater Halifax on their fundraising efforts.
- ▶ @dlhirondelle: I love paying the 1 dollar bridge toll to get into halifax. Old school.
- @FeistyChef: If the rain in Halifax doesn't stop soon, I'm start growing moss on my skin.
- @M4dN1nj4: Halifax should have a subway system from Dartmouth and Sackville. So conven-

Worth mentioning

VIENNA, Austria. Austrian Wildlife authorities are hopping mad that efforts to save the local frog population are being hampered by Italian poachers.

Officials in the Austrian province of Carinthia said yesterday poachers are collecting frogs from the roadside buckets they have been guided into to save them from busy highways, and are then smuggling them home to Italian dinner tables.

Frogs' legs are a delicacy in some parts of Italy. Officials told Austrian state television yesterday that the victims tend to be those with the meatiest thighs.

Frogs attempting to cross some Austrian highways are channelled by a series of fences into roadside buckets. Once a day, volunteers collect the buckets and carry the amphibians to the other side of the road and set them free. But "the Italians strike before the frog pickers come," said Carinthian environmental official Bernhard Gut-

Nearly one-third of the world's 6,485 frog species are on the brink of extinction, according to Save The Frogs.

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Their families must be so proud of them

The U.S. sheriff known for dressing inmates in pink underwear and feeding them green baloney is inviting people to choose the most popular jail booking photos posted on his

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio allows online users to browse through the photos and then vote on their favourites that will be highlighted on a "Mugshot of the



Day" section.

The top picks so far aren't unexpected: They are the most dishevelled, unusual looking people among those booked into an Arizona

Arpaio says he hopes the in-

creased web traffic will highlight the work of his employees.

He also says more crimes may be uncovered if the public can view the photos.

The website is www.mcso.org. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Translating success

Jessie J recorded 600 songs for debut CD Talks about school with Adele, writing songs for Miley Cyrus

Jessie J spent the last seven years crafting songs for her debut CD. And in that time she came up with a whopping 600 tracks.

"(Ît) isn't that many 'cause it's less than 100 a year," she said. "(There are) the bad ones that no one will ever hear ... (but) I was young and the thing is, you have to write the bad ones to kind of know when something is good."

Luckily, the 23-year-old found 13 songs good enough to make it on her first album.

Price Tag, which features rapper B.o.B, hit the Top 40 on the Billboard chart last week.

B.o.B is the only artist on your debut. Why him?

If I was a male rapper which obviously I'm not — (but) if I was, I think I'd be like him, and maybe (be) called like J.o.B. ... I remember he got played the song, he loved it and I did like five plane journeys in like four days and chased him around the U.S. to make sure I was there (for the recording), so it was an experience.

So you went to high school

"You have to write the bad ones to ... know when something is good."

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with Adele — how was that?

She was in music and I was in musical theatre. ... We used to jam at lunch time and someone would play guitar and we both would just sing. ... At the time we both didn't know we'd have, like, albums out at the same time. And she's killing it. I'm so proud of her. ... (At school) she was very kind of loud and everyone knew her and she was the girl everyone loved and up for a laugh and you could hear her laugh from a mile down the corridor.

Talk about writing Miley Cyrus' Party In the USA.

That was my first week of writing after I signed to (Universal) Republic (Records), so it was like the first big kind of writing session for my debut album ... and it was one of the first songs we did. And I remember thinking this song is amazing, but I don't know if it's me 110 per cent, you know. You can kind of feel it. It was cool but it wasn't edgy enough.

It was a big deal for Miley though.

There are so many friends of mine that would say, 'I would never, ever, ever listen to Miley Cyrus, like, as Hannah Montana' and it kind of brought her over to another style.

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Jeff Bridges is working on a new album that will be his major-label debut. The Oscarwinning actor has signed with EMI's Blue Note Records and is working with his Crazy Heart collaborator T Bone Burnett on an album that will include original material and the work of other songwriters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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CIRCUS MOVIES HAVE IT ALL



he circus is a magical blend of drama, comedy, music and wonderful things you can't see at home, unless of course, you live next door to Bozo

the Clown.

And that's why filmmakers look to the Big Top for inspiration. It's a naturally cinematic place with themes as flexible as sideshow contortionists who can touch their toes with the top of their heads. For instance, Charlie Chaplin mixed comedy and romance in his classic film The Circus, while Trapeze with Burt Lancaster is a three ring tragedy and Ten Weeks

with a Circus is strictly for kids.

This weekend Water for Elephants, an historical drama starring Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon, takes us backstage at the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth.

The most famous circus movie is probably The Greatest Show on Earth, Cecil B. DeMille's story of love, crime and clowns under the big top. Today the film—which was named one of the 100 Most Amusing-ly Bad Movies Ever Made by the Golden Raspberry folks—is most notable for making Charlton Heston a star and as the first movie that Steven Spielberg ever saw.

If DeMille's movie is the most famous circus movie, then Freaks is certainly the most notorious. Set in the world of a funfair sideshow it features a cast primarily made up of actual carnival performers—like Elizabeth Green the Stork Woman—to tell the story of a beautiful trapeze artist who agrees to marry a deformed sideshow performer for his money.

And speaking of sideshow attractions; these days Benicio Del Toro is known as a serious actor and Academy Award winner. That's a long way from his first role, human oddity Duke the Dog-Faced Boy in Big Top Pee-wee.





The UK's world wide wedding

Next Friday's royal wedding to be live streamed on YouTube → Will feature live blog of wedding events

Palace officials will offer live streaming of the April 29 royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton on the royal channel on YouTube.

The four-hour live Internet coverage will include the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, the procession to Buckingham Palace, and the newlyweds' appearance on the

palace balcony for an expected first public kiss. William's press office will also provide a live blog providing commentary and historical information as well as additional footage.

"The couple wish to strike a balance between a day that is sacred and intimate and a day that will be a cause for global celebration," a St. James's Palace spokesman said yesterday, declining to be identified because of palace policy.

Officials said the couple have taken a hands-on approach the wedding planning.

"William and Catherine have thoroughly enjoyed the process of creating their special day. They have been responsible for everything from the smallest detail, such as the reception canapes, to the big decisions like the carriages," he added.

Officials said this will be the first time YouTube has run a live blog alongside a live stream for an event.

The palace also plans to post addition royal wedding-related photos on Flickr leading up to the wedding, and expand its coverage on the Official Royal Wedding website, "They want the wedding to be as accessible to as many people as possible and that's why they are communicating in this way"

ST. JAMES' PALACE SPOKESMAN

which has seen more than 8 million page views since its launch.

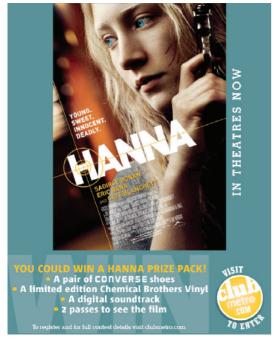
An official souvenir program will be produced for sale to crowds lining the parade route.

The program will include Middleton's new coat of arms, which uses an acorn to symbolize strength and continuity.

The coat of arms, unveiled yesterday, was approved by Thomas Woodcock, the garter king of arms who advises Queen Elizabeth II on the granting of coats of arms and other ceremonial and heraldic matters.

"I think that there's a tremendous interest in roots and family history and it is something you can pass on to your children which they're not taxed on," said Woodcock. "And it is a mark for a family which will carry on for centuries."

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Lohan still has job offers

• Producer calls troubled star a 'great, great actress'



While the results of her upcoming felony grand theft trial are uncertain, Lindsay Lohan at least can take solace in the fact that she can still get work. Film producer Mark Fiore tells Radar Online that he's interested in the troubled actress for not two upcoming projects.

"I want Lindsay to be in Gotti and another movie that I'm producing," says Fiore, who serves as executive producer for Gotti: Three Generations. "She's been very professional. People make mistakes. Look at other people in Hollywood." • METRO







Egg History



Did you know that since ancient days, the egg has been the symbol of new life? Even before it became entwined with the Christian Easter, eggs were used by Romans, Chinese, and Egyptians in rite-of-spring festivals as a way to celebrate the dawn of a new season. News Canada



There are many ways to decorate eggs. Here's some simple ideas to kick it up a notch.

This Easter, satisfy everyone's sweet tooth

• One of these recipes is more traditional, while the other uses some innovative thinking



This Easter, think outside the pie plate and celebrate the holiday with the trendiest innovation in pie-baking in decades.

Pocket pies are tasty, colourful and easy as pie to make. These miniature homemade treats are sure to delight all ages.

Apple Pocket Pies

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove pie shells from freezer and let thaw at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes.
- 2 In a bowl, combine apples, sugar, cinnamon and flour. Set aside.
- Remove pie shells from foil onto a clean, flat, lightly floured surface. If

Ingredients:

- 2 frozen deep dish pie shells
- 250 ml (1 cup) peeled and finely chopped Granny Smith apples

cracks appear in the pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.

- Using an oval eggshaped cookie cutter that's 7 by 10 cm (2 3/4 by 4 inches), cut out 6 egg shapes from each pie shell. Set aside any leftover dough.
- Divide filling mixture evenly among 6 cutouts, mounding in centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) border. Top with remaining cutouts. Gently press edges together

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sug-
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk

and crimp with a fork.

6 Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until pas-

try is golden.

Decorating tips: Use any leftover dough to cut shapes to decorate top. Brush with milk or egg wash to affix to pie and bake as directed above. Decorate pies with multi-coloured sprinkles by brushing top with milk or egg wash, adding sprinkles and bake.

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Chocolate Bunnies are a staple Easter treat. These ones are perfect for kid participation. Let your little ones measure ingredients, use cookie cutters to shape the treats, and decorate.

Preparation:

- In saucepan melt chocolate morsels and butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal and stir until coated.
- Using buttered spatula evenly press mixture into 15 x 10 x 1-inch (38 x 25 x 2.5 cm) baking sheet

- coated with cooking spray. Cool completely.
- Using large circle cookie cutter, small circle cookie cutter and rabbit head cookie cutter coated with cooking spray, cut cereal mixture into shapes. For each rabbit, attach one rabbit head shape to top of large circle shape with frosting. Attach one small circle for tail to each. Decorate with frosting and/or candies.

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250mL) semi– sweet chocolate morsels
- 3 tbsp (45mL) butter or margarine
- 1 pkg (10 oz) marshmallows, about 40 or 4 cups (1 L) miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups (1.5 L) rice crisp cereal
- Frosting or decorating
- Assorted candies





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Historical Sites

As one of the oldest cities in North America, this destination is brimming with historic landmarks, the most notable being Old Quebec, a designated UN-ESCO world heritage site. Other treasures include the Parliament Building, architecturally inspired by the Louvre, the historic urban park of the Plains of Abraham and the fortifications that surround the old city. Plus you'll keep your budget in check, as many of the historic sites are free of charge.

Divine Dining

Follow the lead of the French and dine at a restaurant that focuses on fresh, local ingredients. For a memorable meal try Le Patriarche in Old Que-



by the province including their signature wild game trilogy and desserts created by their in-house pastry chef. It's a true French dining experience worth the splurge.

Sweet Sleeps

From quaint B&B's to the iconic Château Frontenac, it's easy to find accommodations with old-world charm. Perched on a cape overlooking the Lawrence River, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is a 618-room luxury hotel in Old Quebec offering award-winning cuisine and a full-service spa and health club. Established in 1832 by an Irish settler, Hayden's Wexford House



fast with three Victorianstyle bedrooms and run by two gracious and knowledgable hosts.

Fun Freebies

Strolling along Rue St.

la Montage and exploring the main collection at the Musée National des Beaux-Arts, you'll find there is much to do in the city without spending a penny. Try a guided tour through

Dame de Quebec Basilica-Cathedral or talk a short drive to view the stunning Montmorency Falls, oneand-a-half times higher than Niagara Falls.

Taking a stroll in beautiful Quebec City.

Money-Saving Ideas:

Picnic in the Park. Do like the French and head to the market for fresh nal cheeses for a simple, vet delicious outdoor meal.

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• Buy a Pass. For \$50 consider the Quebec City Museum Pass, which is good for three days and gives entry to 20 museums and







Royal Wedding weddingbells metre

Finding a romantic Scottish hideaway

• The perfect date night place for Kate and William

On the shores of Loch Dunvegan in the Isle of Skye sits The Three Chimneys, one of Scotland's most famous restaurants complete with a tiny guesthouse, both incredibly luxe and intimate.

The Three Chimneys has been described as The French Laundry of Scotland, with people from around the world traveling to Chef Michael Smith's kitchen. All food is harvested locally and the menu changes weekly according to ingredients.

Because so many people travel here to dine, six plush guest rooms were



opened at The House Over-By, each boasting a breathtaking view of the open

This sweet spot would be the perfect place for the

Royal couple to seek preparty solace and is an absolutely wonderful place to honeymoon.

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hen Jantsje Beggs' mobile home was destroyed by a fire, she did not think this would also cost her her job. Beggs had not been formally terminated, and she assumed she had not resigned either. Her employer assumed otherwise.

Beggs, a grocery store clerk for Westport Foods in Vancouver Island, called her boss the day after the fire explaining that she uled and did not know However, when Westport's when she would return.

nected, and when her man-spite seeing medical eviager could not contact her dence showing that she was for almost a month, a record ill, Westport effectively of employment was pre- fired her, ruled the court, pared claiming that Beggs even though it had not inresigned. When Beggs later tended to. came by the store to retrieve it and to drop off a doctor's intentions sway judicial note explaining her ab- favour in a lawsuit. Often sence, she was shocked to the courts focus on what learn that Westport viewed did, or did not, occur. Here, her as having resigned.

her employer, Beggs hired a between having abandoned lawyer who accused West- her job and having been port of firing her in an in-fired. Although she won her sensitive manner, referring case, by following these to the medical evidence that simple steps, the confusion the company had not yet could have been avoided: been aware of. In response, . Immediately protest a Westport maintained that characterization that there Beggs had resigned.

The British Columbia you didn't intend to resign.
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Opinion

WHEN THAT **CANDIDATE** COMES A-KNOCKIN'

When my doorbell rang last week and I reluctantly opened it a crack, expecting to see another politician with another pamphlet, I was instead overjoyed to find a door-to-door religious evangelist, and I knew I was sick with a bad case of election fever.

he noise of the federal election can seem like an incoherent roar out on the East Coast as national party leaders clash over personalities and policies. What's an ordinary citizen to do when a political suitor asks for your hand in voting? Seeking expert advice, I called Jennifer Smith, a professor of government and political science at Dalhousie Univer-

Smith helped me formulate a few questions voters can put to door-stepping politicians. Post this article by your front door and next time a candidate knocks, you'll be prepared. That way, you will at least know where Halifax stands — and where your candidate

• The Lower Churchill hydroelectric project: The Conservatives have pledged to underwrite loans to fund this mammoth plan to bring power from Newfoundland to (among other places) Nova Scotia. It's a huge issue, economically and environmentally.

Would you support backing this project?
• Shipyard funding: Halifax is fighting for a multibillion-dollar shipbuilding contract for the navy and coast guard. Whoever forms the next government will decide which city wins it. Would you bring it to Halifax?

• Learning Passport: The Liberals have proposed a "Learning Passport" to help students attend college or university. Given Halifax's huge student population, this is a policy that could affect pocketbooks in HRM. What would your party do to help students financially?

• Health care/home care: Many health-care issues are handled provincially, but the federal government plays an important role. Nova Scotia has an aging population and demographic trends suggest that we are getting

greyer. How do you plan to help seniors?
• Convention centre: If that hole on Argyle Street is to become a convention centre, it requires three levels of government funding. Would you federally fund this project or other projects, such as a stadium, in Halifax?

• The Debate debate: The Green party got almost one million votes in 2008, but was not invited to the 2011 leaders' debate because it doesn't have an MP. How do you ensure all Canadians are heard at a federal

• Corporate taxes: The NDP promises to repeal scheduled decreases in corporate tax cuts. Would you support this move?

Now, if only I could find a divinity professor to supply me with questions for my next religious visitor.

YOU ASKED,

Metro readers submitted questions for the five parties • Here's what they had to say ...



Tomorrow at 3 p.m., join us for a live chat as our crack urban affairs team responds to the parties' answers - what's working, what isn't and what's missing from the federal agenda. Speak up at metronews.ca and on Twitter using #elxn41urban."

Many immigrants to Canada are encouraged and allowed to move here based on their professional experience or credentials, only to discover once they arrive that their credentials are not recognized. What role should the federal government play in addressing this problem?



CONSERVATIVES

In 2009, we invested \$50 million over two years ... to streamline the recognition process in a number of important occupations and made it easier for foreign-trained Canadians to use their skills and expertise in Canada. But some foreigntrained workers still have difficulty paying for ... the foreign credential recognition process. A reelected Stephen Harper Government will provide bridge loans to help recent immigrants pay for the training and skills upgrading needed for their foreign credentials to be recognized.

Other G8 countries have national transit strategies, but in Canada federal investments in public transit tend to be ad hoc, which many big-city mayors have argued leads to worse planning and less efficient spending. Does Canada need a national transit strategy, and if so, what should it

In the past two years alone, we have worked with municipal and provincial partners to undertake more than 28,500 projects, many transit-related from coast-to-coast. A re-elected Stephen Harper Government will continue to support Canadian communities according to their unique needs. We introduced the transit tax credit to encourage Canadians to take public transit, reducing traffic in major city centres.

According to Statistics Canada, the crime rate has been declining since the early 1990s, yet concern about crime in urban areas seems to be on the rise. How do you reconcile this discrepancy?

We have passed a number of pieces of legislation to protect the vulnerable and to hold criminals accountable. We have also invested in youth gang prevention and other initiatives to encourage Canadians to stay clear of criminal activities. A re-elected Conservative government will build on our strong record by enacting legislation to end the sentence discount for child pornography and child sex offenders and toughening penalties for elder abuse.

According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, only \$8 of every \$100 Canadians spend on taxes goes to cities, yet cities are struggling to pay for infrastructure, policing, housing and many of the government services city residents actually interact with most on a day-to-day basis. What changes are required to ensure cities are sufficiently funded?

In 2008, Stephen Harper's Conservative government permanently doubled the gas tax fund. This major step forward for municipalities is providing a stable and predictable source of revenue for the renewal of local infrastructure. A re-elected Conservative Government will introduce legislation to confirm this permanent funding for municipal infrastructure through the gas tax fund.

A century ago only 20 per cent of Canadians lived in urban areas. That number has now increased to 80 per cent (or more than 25 million Canadians). What is your party's vision for the role of cities within the Canadian federation, now and into the future?

Cities are vitally important to Canada's economic success. Our government understands that. A re-elected Stephen Harper Conservative government will continue to work effectively with all levels of government to deliver historic investments in local infrastructure, including better highways, roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, housing college and university facilities, public transit, and green energy.

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THEY ANSWERED



LIBERALS

The federal government must do a better job screening and advising prospective immigrants on credential recognition before they leave their countries of origin. Improving credential recognition and the integration of new Canadians into the workforce requires a renewed effort between governments, professional groups, educational institutions, sector councils and unions. We will provide leadership and make this a priority

A Liberal government will work with other levels of government and the private sector to put in place a Canadian transportation and infrastructure strategy. Liberal infrastructure priorities will include local and regional transit, rapid transit, and commuter rail that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as highspeed rail in regions where rapid, convenient connections between major urban centres promise environmental benefits, enhanced mobility, and decreased congestion.

Crime is always a serious problem. We need evidence-based crime policies that are tough on crime where we need tougher sentences, but also strong on crime prevention. What we don't need is to import failed crime policies from the United States. If we want to be tough on crime. we must be tough on guns. The gun registry is supported by Canada's police force as well as countless organizations in women's health and safety because it improves public safety.

We will maintain the successful gas tax transfer to municipalities and provide additional funds. A lack of affordable housing in large cities is a growing barrier to young families of modest incomes looking for their first home. We will increase the federal investment in affordable housing by \$550 million, and work with cities to put in place a renewed affordable housing framework to reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.

NDP

A New Democrat government would take a leadership role to move toward a fair, efficient, transparent and accountable immigration system. In conjunction with provinces and licensing authorities, we will accelerate and streamline the recognition of foreign credentials, overseas degrees, and previous employment experience. To assist with community integration and English and French language programs, we will reinstate federal funding for the settlement programs for new Canadians.

Yes. Because Canada is the only OECD country that does not have a national public transit strategy. New Democrats tabled the National Public Transit Strategy Act, which outlines a practical plan for providing sustainable, predictable, public transit investments. New Democrats have also promised to allocate an additional cent of the existing gas tax to public transit funding for municipalities and to encourage transit use by providing a tax exemption for employee workplace-based transit passes

To improve public safety on the streets of our communities ... New Democrats will provide stable, permanent funding to put at least 2,500 new police officers on the streets and increase federal support for crime prevention initiatives from \$65 million to \$100 million per year. We will give parents, teachers and police more tools to protect our children by making gang recruitment illegal and create new, standalone offences for home invasions and car-jackings.

In addition to increased funding for public transit. New Democrats will continue current federal infrastructure funding commitments and invest in community-controlled renewable energy development. In addition to restoring the affordable housing programs the Harper government allowed to expire, we will fund 100,000 new child-care spaces and provide around \$1 billion a year for new affordable housing.

In our 2011 election platform, the Green party announced a slate of initiatives of long-term investments in municipalities and housing. That slate includes a national affordable housing program, a national solar roof program, and energy retrofits for municipal buildings, schools, universities and hospitals, growing to more than \$1.6 billion annually by Year 3. An additional \$2.4 billion of permanent annual funding has been allocated for six municipal superfunds beginning

in the first year.

We believe that cities form a pillar of the green economy. When municipalities set out to build and repair infrastructure, retrofit and rebuild affordable housing, and modernize our aging public transit over decades, it's a decades-long commitment. Their decisions now will decide what kind of an economy we will have for the next 50 years. We hope to work with our cities to lead Canada to a sustainable future.

GREENS

The Green party finds fault with the current accreditation system. We would eliminate the valuation of foreign credentials for immigration purposes except in those cases where such credentials are recognized in Canada, or a clear, expeditious path to accreditation is established, and in place establish realistic criteria for immigrants based on existing job opportunities. We would also press professional societies to remove unnecessary barriers hindering the

recognition of valid professional credentials. The Green party of Canada's position is that we must adopt a national transit strategy that strengthens our rail network and public transit systems in order to have a competitive, modern economy. We are committed to providing cities with the resources to create public transit systems that reduce congestion. We are also committed to ensuring all of Canada's cities

have access to rail connections, and develop high-speed corridors between frequently travelled routes. We believe the current rise in concern over crime is directly linked with the federal government's fixation on the subject and its \$9 billion spent on new prisons. Still, even with the crime rate going down, we would all like to feel safer. We are committed to further reducing crime through better programs in youth activity and

early childhood education. We are committed

to addressing underlying causes of crime such

as poverty, racism, and inequality.

Since it came into power, the Conservative government has ... adopted an alarmist rhetoric in regards to criminality. It is true that the fight against crime is important, but we have to remember that crime rates have been going down in Quebec and in Canada for nearly 15 years. The Bloc Québécois suggests concrete and efficient legislative measures to protect vulnerable people, particularly children and victims of human trafficking.

The Bloc Québécois proposed that the investments in infrastructures be modified to take into account the different governments' ability to pay. The federal government would pay for 50 per cent of the expenses, Quebec and the provinces would pay for 35 per cent, while the municipalities would pay for 15 per cent. That reflects the capacity to pay of everyone. The Bloc Québécois asks the federal

government to regroup its programs under one unique and unconditional transfer fund.

We view the cities as equal partners. The previous Liberal government made the most important contribution to municipal public finance in a generation through its 2005 New Deal for Cities and Communities. A new Liberal government will build on that progress. We will be a strong federal partner, working with our cities on the next generation of transit infrastructure and affordable housing.

Canada's cities must be regarded as important resources in Canada's future economy. Jack Layton is determined to increase investment in cities, including an extra cent of the gas tax \$500 million a year – for public transit. He understands the important role these communities play in our country's overall economy and is committed to seeing there is a place at the negotiating table for cities.

Large cities have more and more responsibilities. We ask that the federal government participate in the fight against poverty by reinvesting in affordable and safe social housing. We also wish it would support the Quebec government in the development of infrastructures for transit systems, notably by establishing reserved lanes for common transportation and by developing new commuter train lines.



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▶ Gilles Ducepp

The evaluation and the recognition of credentials is Quebec's and the other provinces' responsibility. Quebec is, to a certain extend, autonomous in terms of immigration. Unfortunately, the actual agreement with the federal government doesn't allow us to put forward all the values that characterize Quebec. The only way Quebec will be able to deploy a more efficient and human politic is by getting a hold of the means sovereign countries can count on, like embassies and consulates.

The Bloc Québécois is in favour of discussions to

be held across Canada to put in place a frame,

are compatible. However, such discussions

expenses and complicate the legislation.

which could allow the adoption of politics that

should not be used as an excuse by the federal

government to interfere in Quebec's jurisdiction

and, by doing so, double the politics, double the

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Sports in brief



HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS WINGER MARTIN FRK HAD A PAIR OF ASSISTS IN THE **CZECH REPUBLIC'S 5-3 LOSS** TO FINLAND AT THE IIHF **WORLD UNDER-18** CHAMPIONSHIP IN GERMANY YESTERDAY. CANADA, FEATURING MOOSEHEADS CENTRE BRENT ANDREWS, LOST 4-2 TO SWEDEN, THE CZECHS FACE SLOVAKIA AND CANADA FACES GERMANY IN PLAYOFF ACTION TOMORROW.



Rainmen say biased officiating caused them to leave PBL chief says that's just an excuse



PBL not fazed by Rainmen farewell



Severko Hrywnak doesn't understand why his former Premier Basketball League colleagues are so frustrated.

Hrywnak, who runs the and owns the Rochester RazorSharks, is facing a mass exodus of teams from his league amid accusations he fixed games for his team by using hometown officials on the road.

But he told Metro vesterday the Halifax Rainmen and Saint John Mill Rats have been planning to leave the PBL since January to form their own Canadian league, and that blaming the officials is an "excuse to leave.

"They have the right to leave, they've been planning on leaving since January, so leave graciously as

gentlemen," Hrywnak said. I understand it's a business decision. But don't blame it on refs. They work too hard."

Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said the officiating bias was "blatantly obvious" and that Hrywnak "singlehandedly, overnight" ruined

The RazorSharks, who already averaged a leagueleading 32 free throws per game in the regular season, saw that average bumped up to 49.8 in the playoffs. On their way to the PBL title, they went to the line 299 times to the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry's 128 and were called for just 111 fouls to the Cavalry's 215.

Those stats don't faze

Hrywnak.
"To me, I don't care if (the foul count) is 500-1 or

In their words

Quotes from around the PBL on this week's fallout.

Feeling bad Rainmen owner Andre Levingston: "I really, really feel bad that this guy (Severko Hrywnak) has singlehandedly, overnight, ruined a league that had such

promise. Hopefully he can live with himself."

- RazorSharks Mill Rats general manager Ian McCarthy: "We do not recognize the RazorSharks as champions."
- Joke Cavalry head coach Michael Ray Richardson, to the Lawton Constitution: "This league is a joke."

100-99," he said. "No coach is going to be happy (with officiating)."

When pressed whether those ratios are normal, he said: "I'm not basketball savvy. I don't know if it's normal or abnormal. It is what it was."

Hrywnak said he doesn't expect any teams to return to the PBL other than his own RazorSharks, but said the league will be "fine." He's planning new franchises in Scranton, Pa., Chicago, St. Louis, and Madison, Wis.

As for the Canadian league he believes the Rainmen and Mill Rats are working on? He called it a "great idea."

They're going to go their separate way, Halifax, God bless them, and I wish them the best of luck," he

Rainmen staving in owner

Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston wants his fans to know that after dropping out of the Premier Basketball League, his team isn't going anywhere.

'The one thing I have promised is that there is going to be professional basketball in the city and that is still true," Levingston said.

It's believed the Rainmen are working with the Saint John (N.B.) Mill Rats and possibly others on forming their own Canadian-based league. Levingston wouldn't confirm that but added. "I've been in two leagues now (the American Basketball Association and the PBL) and frankly, I'm to the point where it's either going to be done right or I don't want to do it anymore.

He said he expects an announcement on the Rainmen's future by mid May. • MATTHEW WUEST

Raonic advances in Barcelona



Canada's Milos Raonic defeated Czech veteran Radek Stepanek 6-4, 6-2 yesterday for the second time in three months to reach the second round of the Barcelona Open.

The 20-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., will meet Simon Greul next, after the German defeated American Robert Kendrick, 6-4, 6-4. "The next match will be tough, but I'm playing a lot better than I was when I played him before. I'm adjusting well to the clay and playing my game," said Raonic as he competes in only his second event on clay at the ATP level. "I feel I'm making some progress on the surface.

"I'm moving well, using

my shots well and doing what I have to. I'm also playing aggressive at the right time. If I execute well, I feel I have a good chance to win more matches. All of my sensations on court have been good so far this week."

"I was feeling comfortable out there."

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Hawks dominant in avoiding sweep

Chicago finally figure out Luongo, scoring seven goals on 28 shots

Dave Bolland returned to the Chicago lineup after missing 17 games with a concussion and had a goal and three assists last night as the defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks avoided being swept, routing the Vancouver Canucks 7-2 in Chicago.

Vancouver still leads 3-1 in the first-round series that heads back to the Rogers Arena for Game 5 on Thursday night.

Chicago's Patrick Sharp scored two power-play goals in a chippy final period that featured pushing, shoving, jawing and a fight between Vancouver's Kevin Bieska and Chicago's Victor Stalberg.



The Blackhawks got an offensive lift from their defencemen as Brian Campbell and Duncan Keith scored 17 seconds apart in a four-goal second period.

Bryan Bickell had a goal

Bryan Bickell had a goal 1:43 into the game as Chicago finally solved Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo, who may have been shaken up making a save late in the opening period.

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▶ Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo is unable to make the save on a shot by Chicago Blackhawks centre Patrick Sharp during Game 4 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs first-round series yesterday, in Chicago.

NHL locks in 10-year TV deal

The National Hockey League has opted to stick with NBC and Versus as its U.S. broadcasters in a 10year deal reportedly worth about \$2 billion US.

Neither commissioner Gary Bettman nor NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol gave financial terms of the contract, but the Sports Business Journal reported it would bring in about \$200 million per season.

Bettman called it "the most significant U.S. media rights partnership in the league's history."

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\$930M The NFL takes in more than \$2 billion per year, while the NBA gets about \$930 million per season.

Downie and Kunitz get 1-game ban

Tampa Bay's Steve Downie and Pittsburgh's Chris Kunitz have been suspended for one game apiece for separate incidents in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final.

Downie was punished for a hit to the head of Penguin Ben Lovejoy at 5:39 of the first period Monday.

Kunitz's suspension comes from an elbow on Simon Gagne.

Both forwards will miss Game 4 tonight night in Tampa.

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Engine

While the Aveo's standard 108-horsepower four-cylinder engine typifies those found in this class, the Sonic roars to life with a 135horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder, or optional 138-horsepower turbocharged 1.4litre four-cylinder. Since both powerplants also see service in the larger and heavier Chevrolet Cruze sedan, you can expect the little Sonic to be a lively performer along with delivering respectable fuel economy.

Interior

Impressive design characteristics are featured in the Sonic's interior, where the dashboard and control panel exude an uplevel quality rarely seen in the econo-car

An analog tachometer dominates the driver's field of vision, flanked by a rectangular screen displaying a digital speedometer, odometer and fuel gauge. Up-level models will offer two-tone dash and door-panel trim.

Body styling

There's obviously a lot more North American flavour built into the Sonic's design that now features a stubbier-looking nose with a more prominent grille and fancier headlight pods.

In back, the sedan appears somewhat similar to the outgoing Aveo sedan, while the stylish hatchback does a good job at hiding the rear door latches adjacent to the roof pillar. Also, the Sonic features fancy tail lamps that were apparently inspired by motorcycle headlights.



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From stem to stern, the Sonic is aggressively styled with beady eyeballs, embossed front-fender arches and a plunging beltline. wever, the design cues are not that much different than other cars in the class such as the Mazda2 or the Ford Fiesta

Chevrolet hoping for a Sonic boom



You might have noticed the sudden flurry of small-car launches announced by many of the world's automakers.

You might have also noticed the steadily rising pump prices attributed to a

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certain oil-producingnation's strife.

This volatility is bad news for drivers of big, thirsty vehicles, but it's the perfect storm for General Motors, which will this fall launch the all-new Sonic series of sub-compacts.

The Sonic replaces the Korea-built Aveo that has served as the automaker's entry model since the 2004 model year. Like the Aveo. the Sonic will be offered in both sedan and mini-wagon formats.

However, unlike the Aveo, the Sonic will be constructed at GM's Orion, Mich. plant that was recently refitted to the tune of more than \$500 million.

The Sonic's late-2011 arrival bolsters Chevy's focus on the svelte end of the passenger-car scale.

Prices will likely begin at about \$14,500 (including delivery charges), possibly slightly more for the hatchback version.

That should make for a

super-Sonic buy in a class where automakers appear to be spending a lot more care and attention to detail than they were when gas was cheap and bigger was better.

That's good news for buyers who are tired of fuel-price volatility and, up to now, had no real options.





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single technician. Located about 50 kilometres southeast of Tokyo, this is not a glitzy high-tech facility, but a 5.6-million square-foot working plant that has produced more than 15 million vehicles since it opened nearly 50 years ago as Japan's first full-scale passenger vehicle.

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Steadily upgraded over the years, it is now one of the most automated in the world

The massive complex is adjacent to the wharf from which Nissan ships vehicles made in all three of its Japanese plants around the world. It is also the home of a large proving ground and Nissan's Global Training and Research Centers, all of which play a role in the GT-R program. A number of engines are built here, but a specific area has been allocated for the VR38DETT as the GT-R engine is known within these four walls.

As the company's performance and technology flagship, the GT-R carries significant importance and demands the most highly-trained, experienced and skilled workers to build its engine.

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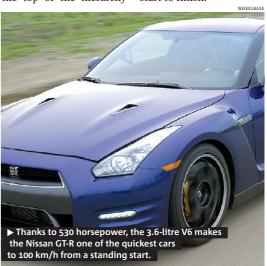
Once the GT-R's engines are certified as meeting specs within three per cent of their 530-horsepower rating — they're carefully crated and sent off for the 160-km trip to the Tochigi factory to be transplanted into the body of

among the 4,500 people working here. By tapping into a worker pool rich with seasoned and skilled technicians who have spent years in engine assembly, Nissan is able to select individuals with the necessary skills and a strong sense of pride.

The all-new all-alloy engine was designed especially for the GT-R. It is a technological tour-de-force employing a variety of lessons learned in racing programs. That includes a special cylinder-wall coating to promote piston-ring sealing and reduce wear under the extreme pressures endured by this turbocharged monster.

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² tric 1958 Chevrolet Apache 1/2 ton pickup.

etro Electro and the man behind it, Mike Kiraly, are usually tooling around the streets of Vancouver, checking in on Steam Whistle clients, but were in Toronto recently, to participate in last weekend's Green Living Show.

Kiraly let yours truly have a brief fling behind the wheel, which provoked a conflicted response. I didn't know whether to put my elbows out the window and light up a cigarette, or keep the windows up to conserve some electrical energy and compost the smoke.

Thankfully I don't smoke, so got over it quick, and just enjoyed the experience.

Not hard when you have 465 lb-ft of torque at your disposal. This is not an effete electric car, in the golf cart mode. It is a hot rod



first, and an electric vehicle second. The Retro Electro launches like you would expect of something with that much grunt — aided by the absolutely linear torque curve of electric motors. And it does its thing in low volume — you only hear road noise and some gear whine.

And this is the "milder" version of Retro Electro. An earlier version, with lower gearing, was capable of smoking its tires in dragster-like fashion

Said motor is an Azure Dynamics AC90 electric motor, which is often retrofitted in larger panel trucks. It gets its juice from a very sophisticated lithium ion battery pack. It can be fully charged in eight hours on a 220V service, good for a range of about 150 kilometres.

To complete the green loop, Steam Whistle makes sure Retro Electro is always charged on renewable electricity from Bullfrog Power. In fact, the entire brewery

only uses electricity from Bullfrog. Steam Whistle's other green initiatives include thicker beer bottles, which can be reused more often, and running its delivery trucks with B20 bio fuel.

The electric drivetrain makes the vehicle about 500 pounds heavier than stock, and the batteries take up some cargo capacity, so it has lost some of its trucky usefulness, but is more than capable of fulfilling its mandate as a

Steam Whistle work truck. Just to make sure, I turn to Kiraly, who is riding shotgun, and ask him again, "You drive this every

day, as part of your job?" "Yeah," says Kiraly. "Pretty lucky guy, eh?"

Kiraly is also a guy with several facets to his person ality. He spends half his workday as Steam Whistle's manager in B.C., and the other half as university professor teaching anatomy and physiology. He has several degrees, including a PhD in Endocrinology.

Now he's learned quite a lot putting this vehicle together for Steam Whistle. His teachers were an A-list of Vancouver-based experts, including Greg Murray of Electric Autosports and Trevor Stoker of Azure Dynamics.

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The next-generation of alcohol detection

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Traffic Safety.
The DADSS program is intended to research, develop and demonstrate non-invasive methods that quickly measure the driver's BAC, or blood alcohol concentration, each time the driver gets in. If the BAC is too high, the car won't start.

Unlike an ignition interlock, which requires the driver to blow into a breathalyzer and is often mandatby the courts for convicted drunk drivers, the DADSS system must work invisibly. Currently, researchers are looking at

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tissue spectrometry, which would estimate alcohol via the driver's skin when the vehicle's starter button is pushed, and at distant spectrometry, which would measure exhaled breath.

'There are tremendous challenges and most have to do with how complex a vehicle is itself," says Wade Newton, director of communications for the Alof liance Automobile Manufacturers, works with ACTS.

"It's 3,000 parts working together in all temperature conditions, whether filled with passengers or empty, or maybe not maintained. The device and technology must work all the time.'

Such technology, should it become feasible, could potentially be added to all new vehicles. For that reason, it must be invisible to the operator, Newton says.

"It can't inconvenience the sober driver," he says. "We need to be confident that it's not going to prevent a sober driver from operating the vehicle. A huge percentage doesn't drink, but they're affected by drunk drivers.'

The research teams have a lot of work ahead.

The device must prevent the car from being started at precisely the legal limit of .08 BAC, "and they could be .0799 when they start and a few minutes later they cross over, and how do you handle that?" Newton

"That's one of the as-yet unanswered questions."

The breath-based system must be able to pinpoint the driver and not an intoxicated passenger.

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Whatever it was called, the Allure offered up value-priced luxury in typical Buick fashion. This was no Mercedes or BMW, but for not a whole lot of money, the Allure offered drivers

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What Owners Like

Typically, Allure owners say decent levels of performance, relatively good fuel economy, comfort and styling drew them in for a test-drive, while a decent price and overall value helped seal the deal.

Other owners note a

safe and sturdy feel to the Allure's highway drive.

What Owners Hate

Some owners wish for a softer suspension, noting that the Allure doesn't "ride on a cloud" and transmits a fair bit of road feel back into the car. Ditto for road noise.

Other owners complain of tight rear-seat quarters, and wish for the enhanced performance and finel economy that could have been provided by a sixspeed automatic.

Common Issues

Hitting the road for a testdrive? Certain Allure mod-

els were affected by an issue with the intermediate shaft - a part related to the steering system. Buick mechanics should be familiar with the issue if the model you're driving "pulls" to either side or makes any unwelcomed clunking or popping noises. A full check of the front end and brakes for premature part wear is also advised.

Have the model checked for coolant leaks, too. Some owners have reported a mysterious coolant leak on their Allures, which could be caused by bad engine gaskets or hoses used by the cooling system.

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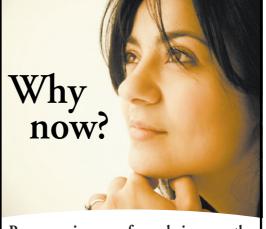
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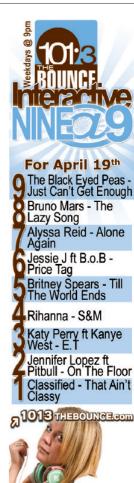
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Winter tires can be one of those pesky items (simi-

lar to holiday lights) that overstay their welcome as people delay the tire changeover season. However, changing winter tires back over to all-seasons isn't just for aesthetics — it can mean a lot for your vehicle's performance.

Spring can also be a good time to assess whether it's time to retire. Before putting your all-season tires back on your vehicle there are a number of ways to tell whether or not you should be 'springing' for a new

Assess the following, says Goodyear Canada, to make sure your all-season tires are road-ready this spring.

Tread depth

Check the tread grooves to ensure they are free of foreign objects and that the tread has not worn down to 15 mm or less.

Irregular tread wear

Irregular tread wear causes high and low areas or unusually smooth areas on the tire. Often tires will have built-in tread wear indicators that appear across the tread when it is time to replace the tire.

Embedded objects

Nails, stones, glass or other sharp objects can cause leaks or more serious problems for the tire and need to be looked at and assessed by a mechanic to determine if the tire is salvageable or dangerous to drive on.

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Extreme wear, bulges or bubbles, holes or slits to the tire sidewall can make the tire no longer fit properly to the rim or create a potential safety issue.

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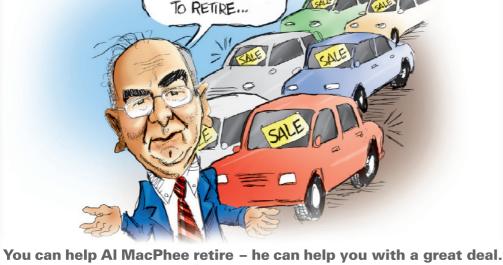
Check the tire sidewalls and write down the numbers you find there, especially your existing tire

There are times when a vehicle manufacturer requires different sizes for the front and rear axles, so he sure to check your vehicle owner's manual.

Know what you want

Do you want the quiet comfort of a luxury allseason tire?

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What's on the inside?

Today's tires feature many specialized compounds and hightech construction techniques that give them performance attrib-

Examples include unique materials such as volcanic ash for icy conditions, and reinforcements such as carbon fibre and kevlar, which can give sidewalls extra toughness, or dampen sounds and vibrations. **NEWS CANADA**



Now that MVIs are every two years, vehicle owners have a lot longer to let little issues compound into bigger issues before they are forced to fix them. By being proactive with your car's maintenance, you can save money in the short term, and avoid some big problems – and even bigger expenses – down the road.



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- ▶ increase safety
- save you money on fuel
- ▶ extend the life of your car
- ► reduce your long-term maintenance costs and
- minimize harmful exhaust emissions

Here are just a few key tips to keep in mind:

Get your car serviced regularly

A mechanic will check your brakes, tires, fluids, filters and other key areas to make sure that your car runs optimally.

Read your owner's manual Your owner's manual has a very useful section on maintenance specific to your vehicle, clearly outlining the maintenance schedule you should follow, whether it is kilometre or time specific.

Talk to your dealer's service department They can put you on a regular maintenance program, and they'll even call to remind you when it's time for your next servicing.

Continue regular servicing after warranty People tend to do a good job at keeping their car regularly maintained during the warranty period, but after the warranty is up, people often forgo their regular check-ups.

At the end of the day, a regularly maintained vehicle will also be a safer and more reliable vehicle for you, your family and everyone who shares the road.

Did you know?

A poorly maintained vehicle can boost fuel consumption by up to 15 percent, according to Natural Resources Canada.

We could cut smog emissions such as nitrogen oxide emissions by 12 percent and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by 30 percent if everyone maintained their cars regularly, states Environment Canada.

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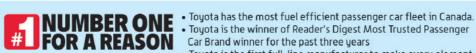
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Preparing your bike is not only important from a maintenance perspective, but also to make sure that riding doesn't get too rough on the wallet.

By asking the right questions and carefully bringing your bike out of storage, motorcycle owners will have a much greater chance of a safe and trouble-free 2011 motorcvcle season," said Mauro Convertini, an insurance expert from Aviva Canada.

Before you head out onto the highway, here are a couple of preparations that Convertini suggests you take:

Test your equipment

Reinstall the battery and examine all fluid levels. Check for cracked tires, broken parts or leaking oil. Set the tire pressures back to riding specs.

Take it slow

Your skills will be rusty and road surfaces will be different than your last ride. Sand and salt deposits on the edge and corners of the roads may be hazardous.

Install an anti-theft device

There are a range of antitheft devices designed for motorcycles and some insurance companies will offer you a discount if you install an approved one.

Check your insurance

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